

The Family

There were two main families who lived at Belvoir—the Hill family and the Batesons. Both families were very rich and powerful. The famous Duke of Wellington had close links with Belvoir. His mother Anne Hill who married the Earl of Mornington in 1759 was the daughter of Arthur 1st Viscount Dungannon. As a girl she lived in the newly built Belvoir House and later in life at nearby Annadale Hall.

Robert Bateson, founder of the house of Deramore, was born in 1782 and died in 1863. He was created a Baronet in 1818. His eldest son Robert had died in

The “lady of the house” looked after the family and the house. There were a large number of staff for her to supervise and she had to organise the menu for all the food and supervise the butler, the housekeeper and the cook.

Children were treated differently depending on their gender. Girls were brought up and educated entirely at home. They were taught how to read and write and subjects like arts and music which it was thought would make them a better prospect



A Typical Victorian Family

1843 so his second son Thomas inherited the estate and was made Lord Deramore in 1885. The whole village of Newtownbreda had a public holiday and there was a deputation of two hundred tenants who went to Belvoir House to congratulate the new Lord Deramore and on that night the whole village had a party with a triumphal arch, fireworks and gun salutes.

The family were in charge of the whole estate and the house. The head of the house was the father. He made most of the decisions. Lord Deramore was a politician at Westminster and would have made money from businesses on his estate. They also owned land in other areas.

for marriage. It was very important that the right husband was found as women of their class in those days rarely worked.

The boys were usually sent away to boarding school from the age of about 6 and would have been expected to take on the family business or often go into the army.